



Mary S. Daniel

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Mary S. Daniel is a Board-Certified Patient Advocate with more than 30 years of medical practice management experience.

Mary's husband, Steve was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2013 at the age of 59. He has been a resident at Rosecastle at Deerwood Memory Care Center in Jacksonville since July 2019. In July 2020, Mary gained national attention after taking a job as a dishwasher at Rosecastle so that she could spend time with Steve after being separated for 114 days during the lockdown due to COVID-19.

Mary founded the Facebook group *Caregivers for Compromise – because isolation kills too!* which has over 14,000 members and group pages in every state. Her grassroots effort got the attention of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis who appointed Mary to the Florida Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long-Term Care Facilities. The recommendations of the Task Force were accepted by the Governor on September 1, 2020, and Essential Caregivers were allowed back in facilities to see their loved ones.

Mary has continued advocating for long-term care residents by leading Caregivers for Compromise to promote H.R. 3733, the Essential Caregiver Act which is supported by Congressman John Rutherford, an original co-sponsor of the bill and HB 987, the Essential Caregiver Act currently making its way through the Florida Legislature.

Mary is a lifetime member of the Georgia Bulldog Club of Jacksonville, a two-time past president and currently serves on its Board of Directors. She also is President of the group's 501(c)(3), the Jacksonville Bulldog Alumni Scholarships, Inc. Mary also volunteers as a puppy raiser for K9s for Warriors. Her fifth service-dog-in-training Riggs, a Goldendoodle will complete his training in late 2022.

Mary S. Daniel stimulates, motivates and encourages everyone with her personal story of how she fought for the rights of her husband and thousands of others who were isolated and locked in long term care facilities during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Her story of perseverance and determination was featured in hundreds of news outlets around the globe. Hear how her grassroots effort have helped this change long-term care visitation in Florida and across the United States and empowered tens of thousands of people to boldly advocate for their loved ones.

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